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1. EGYPT, WHICH BOTH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CRUDE AND IS A NET IMPORTER OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, BELONGS TO OAPEC (BUT NOT OPEC) MOSTLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

2. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY RECEIVED LOW-LEVEL, INFORMAL INQUIRY FROM MFA OFFICIAL ON APPLICABILITY OF GSP TO EGYPT. ALTHOUGH NOT IN CONTEXT OF OAPEC MEMBERSHIP. WE HAVE SUPPLIED ANSWERS IN KEEPING WITH GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES ON TRADE ACT.

3. AS WASHINGTON AGENCIES UNDERTAKE STUDY OF PROVISIONS OF ACT TO DETERMINE EFFECT ON VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF MANDATORY EXCLUSIONS FROM GSP, WE URGE THAT PARTICULARLY CAREFUL ATTENTION BE PAID TO CASE OF EGYPT. BOTH OUR HIGH-LEVEL INTERESTS AND DELICACY OF DOMESTIC AS WELL AS REGIONAL SITUATION SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND. REQUEST EMBASSY BE CONSULTED BEFORE
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